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A Faithful
A C C O U N T
O F T H E

Taking the Bridge.

And Beating Down, the

Irish Town of Athlone,

Which stands on

The other side of the **SHANNON.**

W I T H

A Perfect **D I A R Y** of every Days several Actions,
before the said *Irish Town*, &c.

A S A L S O,

The Welcome News from *Kinsale*: Giving an Impartial Account of
the Safe, and Happy Arrival

O F T H E

Smirna, and Turkey Fleets.

4. July. 1691

L I C E N S ' D, *July the 3d. 1691. J. FRAISER.*

Camp at *ATHLONE*, 25th. past, (Two in the Afternoon.)

SINCE my last, it's said, The Drum that came to the General, was an Answer to a Message, sent by the General, about Exchange of Prisoners on the 24th. This Morning, about the Hour of Six, the Drum returned from the Enemies Quarters; all our Hands (that can any ways possibly be spared from other Duty,) are mending the Tin Boats; and our Men are working, with all diligence, in raising of three New Batteries, one below the Bridge, another above it; and the third without the Town-Wall, by the River-side,

opposite to a large Bastion, the Enemy have erected, on the other side the River *Shannon*, which is there not so broad as the River of *Thames*, between *Westminster Horse Ferry*, and *Lambeth* at Low-Water.

About Seven of the Clock this Evening, one of the Granadeers belonging to the Lord *Lisburn's* Regiment going under some Arches of the Bridge of *Athlone*, to look for Plunder amongst the Enemies Dead, found a pair of Colours, belonging to a Company of the Earl of *Clanrickard's* Regiment, which were

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on the Beach when we Stormed the Town, and brought them off flying to the General; and though, I believe, 100 Shot were made at him, yet none hurt him: The Lord Baron Ginkle, our General, very generously Rewarded him with Five Guineas. The 25th. yesterday the Enemy were very hard at work, in raising two new Batteries above the Castle; the one close by the River side, the other on a rising ground, a distance from it; and about Eight of the Clock last Night they were finished, one of them are of four, the other of three, six Pounders, with the latter of which, they have played briskly on the old Walls of the Town, where our Men are, (but without killing, or wounding any;) with the other, they shot into some of our Regiments, who lay Encamp'd on the Bank of the River, which obliged our Men to Decamp, and remove farther off.


About this Morning, our Battery (below the Bridge) was finished, and 26 four Pounders planted thereon, which has ever since Six this Morning, played incessantly on the Enemies Breast-work, on the other side, by which, most of the said Breast-work is beat down and levelled with the ground; as also, most of the Houses that stood on the other side the Town; by which means, the Enemies Works are so much exposed to our view, that they are forced to quit the Town, a great part of them retiring to Sarsfield's Camp, others retiring behind the Castle, and in the Work over the Bridge, which in a few hours, from our upper Battery, will be soon likewise ruined; and it's not doubted, but that very soon we may acquaint you, that we are Masters of the River, and Ruined Town of Athlone: Our Guns are now firing very furiously from all our Batteries, with very good success.


26th. At Noon. Sir, Yesterday our Guns and Mortars played incessantly against the Enemies Works, &c. The Tin-Boats are all mended, and all things in a readiness to attempt our Passage over the River Shannon, &c. which will be at three several places, both above, and below the Bridge of Athlone; and I am certainly informed, that to Morrow will be the Day. A Defecter that came into our Camp this Morning, says The Enemies Army hourly expects our going over the Shannon.

27th. At Seven of the Clock in the Evening. Just now we have possessed our selves of the whole Bridge of Athlone, to the very Works of the Irish Town; two Arches of the Bridge were broke down by the Enemies Troops, one of which we have mended, and the other is to be mended this Night; and to-morrow Morning, by Break of Day, there is Eight fresh Regiments appointed to Storm the Town.

Kinsale the 26th. This Day is seen off of our Hills, a great Fleet, consisting, as near as we can tell them, of between Sixty and Seventy Sail, which we are assured, is the *Smirna*, and *Turkey Fleet*.

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